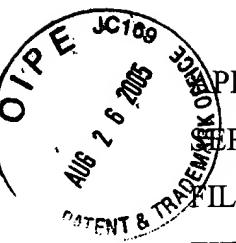


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APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

These comments are responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on May 26, 2005, which sets forth the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The Examiner is thanked for the kind allowance of all pending claims (i.e., claims 7-9 and 20-23, which have been renumbered as 1-7 respectively). Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowance. However, Applicants point out that the reasons for allowability of the above referenced claims are not limited to the reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowance, and that additional reasons for allowability may exist, each of

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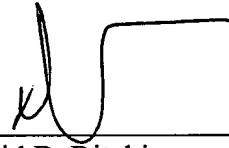
Applicants respectfully reserve the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise comment on any such additional reasons for allowance as may be appropriate in any future proceedings concerning the claimed invention.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment to our deposit account number 50-1698.

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TRANSMITTAL FOR FORMAL DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated May 19, 2005, attached for filing please find three (3) sheets of formal drawings.

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